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For: AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE
INCORPORATING LIQUID
BARRIERS WITH SEALING
COATING

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed September 14, 2001, please first
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 7, 8 and 16 with the following:

Sub F. 7. (Twice Amended) An absorbent article that includes longitudinally extending side extremities, an absorbent body disposed between a liquid-impermeable bottom sheet, which is intended to lie distal from a wearer in use, and a liquid-permeable upper sheet which is intended to lie proximal to a wearer, and either:

1) at least one longitudinally extending elastic liquid barrier on each side of a center line of the upper sheet, the barrier being made of an essentially liquid-impervious material and fastened to the upper or bottom sheet along or adjacent to a respective longitudinally extending side extremity of the article and having a free sealing edge facing towards a wearer, or

2) above the upper sheet, an essentially liquid-impermeable top sheet which is intended to lie against a wearer, and which includes elastic for shaping the article to a wearer's body,